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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (withdrawn)

8. (currently amended) A method of forming a fibrous sheet comprising:

forming a fibrous slurry;

mixing into the fibrous slurry a cationic resin system comprised of a polyamidoamine-epihalohydrin resin and a polymer having repeating units derived from an alkyl halide having at least one double bond and an alkene;

next mixing into the fibrous slurry an anionic polymer;

then forming the fibrous slurry into a fibrous sheet; and

drying the fibrous sheet.